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1. The previous police ranks of the sea police were converted into naval ranks on the occasion of the anniversary of the foundation of the German Democratic Republic on 7 October 1952. Officers were to be addressed to as Genosse (comrade) in addition to their rank, e.g. Genosse Korvettenkapiteän. Alsdemar Verner, the chief of the sea police, was made vice admiral.
2. Officers of the Seehydrographischer Dienst (Maritime Hydrographical Service) in Berlin whose ranks were converted into that of Korvettenkapitaene included Scheib (fnu), SHD deputy chief; Karl Heinz Balzer, chief of the nautical section; and Richter (fnu), who succeeded Bruck (fnu), the former chief of the PK section.
3. Officers of the SHD in Stralsund whose ranks were converted included: Fliegner (fnu), SHD chief, who was made Korvettenkapiteän with a monthly pay of 2,300 eastmarks; Juelke (fnu), chief of the Hydrographical Section and Schmidt (fnu), chief of the ship section, were also appointed Korvettenkapitaene, Schumann (fnu), PK section chief, Adler (fnu), and Leuthold (fnu), both of the finance section, were made Kapitaenleutnante. Herold (fnu), chief of an administrative section, was made Hauptmann; Hinz (fnu), chief of the special group, was made Oberleutnant with a monthly pay of 1,150 eastmarks. Reichbrot (fnu), who had been surveying engineer ranking as Strommeister was made Oberleutnant, and Koska (fnu), surveying technician, and Rebenrost (fnu), surveying engineer, were made Leutnante.
4. Only some of the personnel of the SHD in Stralsund were given uniforms. Some SHD employees expressed a dislike at wearing uniforms. Except for the special group, the employees of the SHD hydrographical survey groups were previously carried as civilian employees.

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1. Comment. Although wearing a sea police uniform, Hauptmann Herold, after the Soviet pattern, is carried as an administrative officer rather than a naval officer.

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